

2015 SMITH RIVER STATE PARK & RIVER CORRIDOR
PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- **READ THIS INFORMATION COMPLETELY BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**
- **MAIL APPLICATION WITH \$10 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE ONLY**
- **ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT REQUIRED. NO FAXED OR PHOTOCOPIED SIGNATURES ACCEPTED.**

Please call the Smith River State Park office in Great Falls, Montana for any additional questions: (406) 454-5840

- ▶ **To apply for a private float permit for Smith River Park & River Corridor, fill out the attached application and return to:**

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Smith River Drawing
1420 East 6th Ave.
PO Box 200701
Helena MT 59604-0701

- ▶ All applications must be **POSTMARKED** or submitted on or before **Thursday February 19, 2015**
- ▶ A \$10 non-refundable application fee applies for all applicants regardless of whether you're a Montana resident or non-resident. You must be a minimum of **12 years old** at the time of submitting the application. This application fee must accompany each application. Successful applicants will be required to pay the applicable float fees at Camp Baker during registration on launch day. Unsuccessful applicants will not receive a refund.
- ▶ The actual float fees, to be paid during registration at Camp Baker on the launch day are as follows.

Under 6 years (resident/non-resident)	FREE
6-12 years (resident/non-resident)	\$15.00
13 and older (resident)	\$25.00
13 and older (non-resident)	\$60.00
- ▶ You may submit only **one application per person**. Submittal of more than one application per person will disqualify those applications from the drawing. You may submit up to three different launch dates on your application in the priority of first, second and third choices. Only one date will be chosen via the drawing process and it is based on your order of choice and the availability of a launch for that specific date.
- ▶ The drawing will be conducted in early March 2015. Successful applicants will receive a permit with a floater packet. Results of the drawing will be made available in early March on the FWP web site at: stateparks.mt.gov
- ▶ Beginning on **Monday, March 16, 2015** you may call the Smith River Reservation Line at (406) 454-5861 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon MST to:
 1. Request any remaining launch dates that may be available
 2. Pick up a cancelled launch date
 3. Cancel a launch date
- ▶ Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable. Permit holders must bring photo ID to the put-in. Permit holders must cancel their permit if they are not going to use their launch regardless of weather or water flows above 100 cfs. **Failure to cancel a permit at least 2 days prior to your launch date, at flows above 100 cfs, will result in losing next years' privileges for the Smith River permit drawing.**
- ▶ **Be Bear Aware:** Floaters are highly encouraged to practice proper storage of food, trash and other attractants. Go to stateparks.mt.gov/smith-river/ for additional information regarding recommended practices.
- ▶ Successful applicants who receive a permit during the time period of **May 15 through July 15 (peak season)** will **not** be eligible to apply for a permit for this time period the following year. This pertains even if the permit is cancelled. They may still apply for launch dates outside this time period, accompany other permitted trips during this time period or acquire a cancelled permit for any launch date.

NOTE: Please submit the following application fee ONLY with your completed application:

Montana Residents (12 years +)	\$10.00 non-refundable application fee (Personal checks accepted)
Non-Residents (12 years +)	\$10.00 non-refundable application fee (Personal checks <u>not</u> accepted.
	Money Order or Cashier's Check only)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**